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Post Employment Medical Committee Meeting Minutes 02/10/2005

Post Employment Medical Benefits Committee
Organizational Meeting Memorandum
February 10, 2005

Members in Attendance:

John Bilafer
Kathleen Dias*
Nancy Galkowski
Judie Phelps
Ruth Lewis
Steve O'Riordan*
Kenneth Hughes
Andrew Fischer - citizen

* Denotes those not in attendance

John Bilafer called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Larry Stone from Stone Consulting made a presentation on post employment medical benefits in regards to the Town of Arlington's actuarial valuation and the unfunded liability. The actuarial valuation was done as of January 1, 2003 and Mrs. Phelps questioned whether the report was obsolete as the report was one year old. Mr. Stone said that the valuation should be done every two years unless there are any major changes to the Town's health insurance.

In accordance with GASB Statement 43 and 45 the Town must show on its financial statements in fiscal year 2007 the unfunded liability of post employment medical benefits. Mr. Stone talked about possible funding sources such as; the federal government passed legislation for communities to apply for Medicare drug reimbursement if they adhered to certain guidelines; appropriations; changes in benefits, etc.

The next step discussed was to communicate with town officials and town employees the need to address the Town's unfunded liability. Also Mr. Bilafer stated that the rating agencies want to know how the Town plans to fund the liability and he was concerned that if we do not address the issue that the Town's bond rating will suffer.

John Bilafer said that the committee needed to decide what the content of the report to Town Meeting should include. The committee decided to discuss the content of the report at the next schedule meeting.

The minutes of the December 2, 2004 meeting was voted.

The next scheduled meeting of the committee will be March 3, 2005 at 6:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.